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Dearest Love Heart: —

Received your darling letter of Friday, and honey, you simply have no idea how proud and happy I am to read these clippings concerning you. Only dear, to be able to tell you just how I feel and to just hug & kiss you — that is what I miss and long to do. But soon, dear, soon — I shall have all the pleasure and opportunity — won't I, love.

There are many, many things which I want to discuss with you and hope I shant forget anything, as the time is getting short, & I want to things arranged as quick as possible. First dear we will talk about Mom. Friday night we sat up until 1.30 A.M. talking things over. Mom is very, very anxious, I know, to be near you and uncle Morris — and I think that the only thing left is, — how soon can we get them all down? If things could be arranged at your end I feel sure they could come down shortly after I do, if not with me. I asked Mom just how soon she could start, and she answered "as soon as I get a stand erected on the cemetery, which will be about 1 month". I, too, love, have been thinking over the proposition of Winstein's. This, dear, seems, to me, to be the wisest course to pursue at the present lookaway. To have Rose work in Winstein's store, if he will engage her, where she can pick up pharmaceutical knowledge and practice, & so prepare herself for the board. Could she, do you think, earn $20 a week there as a non registered clerk? If this could be so and Sally could find something on the railroad, I figure it would be much better than rushing pell mell into the responsibility of a store. In the meanwhile we could look around & see what is what. If something turns up that looks good, we can open the store. Dear, I want you to ask Winstein just what a paper of recipranty is — what would it give me the right to do. I have thought it over, and think it ought to give me the same rights as a registered clerk there — does it? or do I have to take the Board? Just what is it love? If, dear heart, things can not be arranged otherwise we will open the store, and you can rest assured I will do all in my power. The fact is that I want to be as sure and as careful as possible with Mom's money & for that reason think it is

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will make quite a hole in our income. Clerks, registered are commanding about $25 & $30 a week here. Do you see, Lark, what that would mean in the beginning. Let me know just what you think about it all. Mama dear, also asked me to have you talk it over with Uncle Morris, and see what he advises. This Mama says, is simply not to ignore him & to give him the respect of an elder brother. Mama is quite happy over it all, and dear so am I, for it will be the most wonderful change for him, & for the best. For Rose, too, because, as I told her, she will meet different people, and both you and I shall see to it that she meets the right kind — not like those she has heretofore — such as Mr. B. here and his lordship Lenty. There, too, I am very, very much afraid that they will never allow Zelda across, and in that case he would be as happy as a child to go down to Memphis and still be able to stay with Mama dear. Try, please, to arrange things with Weinstein all along the line that I have just told you, and see what can be done.

About the furniture Mama will let us have the large case & the table and I think a machine. The chairs, she will need as you know she will ship everything down South if only it does not cost too much. I told her about Mr. Regan's furniture and she was pleasantly surprised. Even 100 would be alright Mama says. Now, Lark, I will have to await developments and if Mama is coming down soon, I will think all the furniture came down together, as it will be much cheaper for us. What do you think? As to the trunk, the other one you have is plenty good enough — but I think it will not be large enough. Mama suggests, before we thought of her coming down so soon, that I pack everything in a large packing case — so dear, I am at a loss as what to do. I think perhaps that you send the trunk as I shall need a trunk for my clothes at least and anything that does not get in the trunk, I can either carry or ask Mama to have it go along with

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Now, Lady, I see absolutely no necessity for borrowing this. I am selling my liberty bond and can get about $40 for it which will cover my expenses for travelling. So you see honey, I will be able to manage, and will use the strictest economy where I can, so everything, I am sure will come out alright on that score. Thanks, love, greatly, – but I see no reason for borrowing just now, & I hope – never.

I expect that I will soon get my vacation, at least, I hopeless. You asked how I made out on that Sunday that I stayed away – the Sunday following Faye's wedding. Well, dear, they made a terrible fuss over it, particularly Mr. Wade. He was going up to see Mr. Ottenbourg & what not. I had not been feeling very well during the week – nothing serious, slight headache. Mr. Swallow knowing this, as he let me lay down in my room several times was wild and told them all what he thought of them. That particular Sunday, it rained terribly hard all day – all the work amounted to, was 1 books! Think of making a fuss over 1 books! I, of course, was furious, and told Mr. Swallow that I was going to take my vacation now. Mr. Swallow said, "Why, don't you?" And then – after talking it over, he said, "Get all you can out of the hospital . . . get your 2 weeks vacation, and while you are away get a Dr. certificate saying you are ill and need 2 weeks more". You see, I told him after all that fuss, I was going to leave as soon as possible so that way it made it easy for me to break the ice. I did not tell him definitely that I would leave in May, but when I came back – and believe me I take that month if I can possibly get it – I just resign. Mr. Swallow has been acting nicely, but, of course, I never know just how long he will continue to feel and act as he does. He has written to Sam & pharmacist asking him if he will take the relief, but it is now about a week and he has not answered. Conditions are splendid on the outside in retail trade, and I am sure that it will be easy for Sam to find some one to fill my place. He wants a manager. As the work is rather heavy now – we are very busy. Have spoken to Emmanuel about it and he promised to look around and see if he can get some one.

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As to strudel, Mom dear will probably make some for you on Friday. If, however, she is not able to, I will get some fancy cakes from one of the pastry shops and send it to you. Yes, last, the wedding was an unhappy affair as far as our little family is concerned. There is a great deal to it, which I will tell you when I see you as it is too much to write. It intensified the breach between Mom dear & Tante Rosie, and was the final thrust by who's a friend after all. So last you see that there is absolutely no one best to keep Mom dear north and the sooner she gets down south the better it will be.

I mailed you a little package, honey dear, for your birthday. I wanted to surprise you and so did not make any mention of it before. I expect you received it by now, as I mailed it ~~the~~ Friday. Wear them, last, with my best wishes, and love. I did want to make you a nice one myself, but, honey got very little time. Some day, — I am going to make you a heart. I hope, precious, you wear the shirts in the best of health and with the best of luck. I asked Rose about giving Mom dear a little something, but Mom said for this year they would not exchange gifts. I am going to get a box of Mark Sifords' Green drops as I know Mom likes these. I will bring them to her Friday night.

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I am certainly very, very happy that you passed the initiation in the Masonic order and came out alive! I'll bet it was awful, hey, dear? "It must be did". and now that it is all over, I am very happy. I am really glad that you are in. It will make it nice all around for you, for me, and indirectly for Rose, too. I do hope something will come out of it, in that direction

As to the way you are going along with pancakes, precious, I simply think you are wonderful. "Didn't I always say so?" You should see how happy my mother is. Believe me, you sure did shows everyone how what you are made of - and I am tickled to death. That is all I do when I am home - is talk - talk, talk about you. I sure do miss your precious - so much. I'll bet more than you miss me. I show the clippings you send me to everyone. Both Mr. Swallow & Mr. Wool agree with me that you have done remarkably well. They sure are surprised how wonderfully you have done in the short time. Nothing surprising to me, however, lost.

How precious, did you spend yesterday? I did a letter seeing, not much as I office-cant home in the evening. No hope, precious you enjoyed yourself. Did you go out with Mr. Winstein?

They are making big preparations for a parade along 5th Ave. to take place next from to-morrow (Tuesday). The whole of the 29th plus is to parade. It is to be quite some holiday, to be declared a real holiday - but of course that remains to be seen. They have erected the prettiest arches and temporary monuments until 5th Ave looks swell. If I can get within 2 miles of the parade I'm going to see it. No most, lost, that you were here, too, as they say it will be something wonderful.

Dr. Zunin sent me a card, advising me to come up to have my teeth attended too. I simply can't, until I get my vacation, as you know the bridge must come out. Are you sorry you can't see your toothless spouse? If it costs me 25 - you remember I gave him 10 - so that will leave a balance of 15.

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It was rather nice of Goldberger to do what he did for you, and love, dear, see that you collect on those cards. Don't fail to do it. And love, precious, did you hear anymore about the 60? Hope, too, precious you get it. Am happy love, that you are going along so nicely with your big case. It takes you delight, eh? Let me know how it goes along. I am

almost sure you will get that notary Republic ship - hope so with all my heart - and L. Taylor's proposition, too. With the money from Winston's brother, and the student you have, I figured that would almost cover our rents. Mighty fine, what do you say, love? Oh precious, talk about happy, we certainly will be, and dear, you will see how nicely we will get along financially. The time is surely drawing nearer and nearer - and that keeps me very, very happy. I do so want to be with you, to have you look, hug & kiss me. Will, you, precious, — or, er — have you love me no more?"

I hail, close now, darling, and do hope you can read this. Do you have an difficulty reading what I write on this paper? You see, I want to write you as big a letter as possible in as least a bulky size as I can. Write me, precious a big, big, big, big — big long letter, will you love? With all my love, hugs, and kisses to my precious love bubby I am

"Your" "darlin" "wife"

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P.S. Give my regards to Uncle Morris & Mr. Solomon. Go to the Lazaar I do hope love, you will soon, ~~or~~ come back to your old footing. You know, love he and do his utmost to help you. He is older, love, and so, dear do not be stubborn. I hardly know what to write him, under the conditions, and ~~and~~ I soon expect to meet him, I'll wait until then. If you do see Mrs. Lazaar tell her, I send her my best regards, and am still very anxious to meet both her & the Mr. am very happy that you got a case from Mr. Nutly. Every little helps, and then too, it is better to be friends than enemies. Take care of yourself pls.

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